

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant:	Yawata, et al.)	
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Examiner:	Anderson, Michael T.)	
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Customer No.:	21378)	
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed August 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.